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vasion and that it was "in truth and in fact" an act of war. Of course the President's objection to admitting that he had sent a force into Mexico against Carranza's protest was that it would puncture the Democratic slogan, "He has kept us out of war." Nevertheless, Mr. Wilson's misrepresentation of the facts affords Carranza ground for contending that Mr. Wilson knew it was not proper to send the troops in without his consent. It was on the same ground that Carranza ordered his troops to fire on the Americans at Carrizal, that his men did so and kill seventeen American soldiers. His Ambassador in Washington informed the administration that the Mexican troops fired by order of Carranza, and as the administration in Washington never resented the firing, Carranza will doubtless use that fact as proving that Mr. Wilson knew he was in the wrong when he ordered the troops into Mexico, knew he had no ground for a protest and must now know the demand for indemnity is just. What the outcome of the Carranza demand will be none can foretell for this administration is guided by no principles of international law and no consistency or continuity of policy.

**Wilson Would Finance Carranza**—President Wilson is most anxious to finance Carranza, if not by the payment of \$200,000,000 as an indemnity, at least by effecting a loan from American bankers to the Carranza faction. Fortunately, there is no machinery whereby the President can loan funds in the Treasury to a foreign government or faction, or even sell United States bonds to raise money so to loan. Mr. Wilson has, therefore, instructed his Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Lane, to attempt to induce American bankers to loan Carranza \$150,000,000. The bankers are wholly unwilling to make such a loan unless the United States will guarantee its repayment. Mexico's bonded indebtedness now amounts to over \$600,000,000 gold, and there is outstanding a fiat currency in excess of \$300,000,000. Of course, if Mr. Wilson can devise a method whereby he can obligate this government to stand back of the loan the bankers will cheerfully make it, but not otherwise. So far as can be seen now, the only method which could be employed would be to scale Carranza's demand for an indemnity from \$200,000,000 down to \$150,000,000 the amount of the desired loan, and then, instead of asking Congress to

appropriate \$150,000,000.00 to be paid over to Carranza, to have Carranza assign his claim against the United States, after its approval by the New London Conference and President Wilson, to the bankers as security for a like sum to be loaned to Carranza. While admitting that efforts are being made to finance the Carranza faction, Secretary Lane declines to furnish any details.

**Hughes Attacks Shipping Bill**—Gov. Hughes has vigorously attacked the McAdoo-Wilson Shipping bill as "a direct menace to the shipping interests of this country," and as "promising nothing but disaster to the shipping of the United States." Mr. Hughes points out that under the provisions of the Shipping bill the Government may build or purchase, charter or lease foreign built ships, and having so acquired such ships may dispose of them in any way it sees fit. Of course in view of the demand incident to the European war, no ships can be built or purchased, chartered or leased, except at exorbitant prices. No ships can be built in the shipyards of this country, which are already crowded to the limit, and probably no ships could be built anywhere before the war ended. Any ships purchased now would have to be purchased abroad and after the war ends would be sold or chartered at great loss to the Government and would come into direct and ruinous competition with American ship builders and ship owners. Ostensibly, the Shipping bill was designed to relieve the high freight rates incident to the war. Because the President would not consent to having it so amended as to prevent the purchase of ships from the belligerents, which purchase, as Senator Bankhead has pointed out, "would have inevitably led to war," it failed. And passed now it is too late to accomplish any good during the war and can accomplish only injury after the war is over.

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Said Woodrow Wilson, some time ago: "A very thoughtful preacher pointed out the other day that one of the first quotations in Our Lord's Prayer is, 'Give us this day our daily bread,' which would, seem, perhaps, to indicate that our Lord knew what every statesman must know, that the spiritual life of the Nation can not exist unless it has physical life; that you can not be an altruist and patriot on an empty stomach." It has been ordered that by the sweat of his brow shall man earn his bread. But a man can not find work if the place of his employment is closed by European competition invited by a near-free-tariff law.

War still wages at the front in Europe and over the back fence in America.

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### NEW YORK LETTER

(From Our Regular Correspondent)

**Congress' Record**—The record of the first session of the Sixty-fourth Congress may be summed up in four words, profligate extravagance, vacillation and neglect. The frightful extravagance has already been reviewed in this correspondence. While the administration, after denouncing as "hysterical" those who urged adequate preparedness, recommended some excellent measures for self defense it encouraged Rep. Hay and the Democratic majorities to pass an army bill which has already proved a failure, which settled nothing, and which leaves the work to be done all over again. The first emergency which arose necessitated calling out the militia, at terrible expense to the government and fearful sacrifice to the national guardmen, and this necessity of calling on the national guard to do police work which should be performed by the regular army still exists and will continue to exist until an adequate Army bill has been substituted for the Hay bill. As the New York Tribune remarks, "The Hay bill was more unpardonable than a crime." Such legislation is typical of the kind of "preparedness" to be expected from a party at heart opposed to preparedness and which becomes converted to the idea only on the eve of a national election.

**Carranza's Demand**—The first concrete result of the Mexican Conference is a demand by Carranza for an indemnity of \$200,000,000 from the United States because it violated Mexican sovereignty by sending General Pershing's command into Mexico. When President Wilson sent Pershing into Mexico he announced that he did so with the full consent of Carranza. Subsequent events proved that this statement had not basis in fact and that Carranza had persistently and emphatically protested against the in-

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